

### Britain Honors ZR-2 Victims at Rites in Abbey

Westminster Service Is Part  
of Farewell to American  
Dead Before Departure  
of Cruiser Bearing Bodies

Memorial Here Sept. 17  
To Be Held on Pier in South  
Brooklyn After Airships  
Escort Funeral Craft In

Fourteen of the sixteen Americans who lost their lives will reach New York. Plymouth, England, Sept. 7.—The British warship Dauntless slowly steamed out of Plymouth Harbor this afternoon with the bodies of Commander Louis H. Maxfield and fourteen of his fellow officers and men who lost their lives in the disaster which befell the giant dirigible ZR-2 at Hull two weeks ago. As the funeral ship started on its voyage to New York the guns of the cruiser harbor fortifications boomed a farewell in honor of the Americans who a few weeks ago were anticipating a return home aboard the new American aerial colossus. Thousands thronged the hill slopes and watched the memorable scene as the Dauntless steamed out to the booming of guns. As she plowed slowly down the harbor every commissioned vessel in the harbor saluted with its guns. Many floral tributes were placed on the caskets before the vessel sailed, among them being wreaths from the Deputy Mayor of Plymouth in the name of the inhabitants of the city, from the Pilgrims and from the naval, military and air forces.

Exercises Here September 17  
From The Tribune's Washington Bureau  
WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—The British cruiser Dauntless will dock at South Brooklyn late September 16 or early in the morning of September 17, Secretary of the Navy Denby announced today. The ceremonies attending the transfer of the bodies from the British vessel to American soil will be held on the pier at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of September 17 and will be attended by Secretary Denby and other officials of the United States Navy. Arrangements have been left to Captain C. T. Vogelzang, commandant of the 8d Naval District, who has been instructed to make proper provisions for disinterment of the bodies to their destinations after the memorial exercises. The Dauntless will be met at sea by a flotilla of destroyers and aircraft, dispatched from the Atlantic fleet, which is in New York Harbor. The American sea forces will escort the Dauntless to its berth. The bodies of Commander Louis H. Maxfield, commanding officer of the American crew which was selected to bring the ZR-2 to this country; Lieutenant Commander Valentine M. Belg and Chief Mechanic's Mate George Welch will be brought to Washington and buried with full naval honors in Arlington National Cemetery.

Ancient Prayer Over Dead  
Before the blessing, which followed the service conducted by Bishop Kyle, dean of Westminster, a quaint old sixteenth century prayer was read: "Support us all the day long in this troublous life, till the shades lengthen, evening comes, the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over and our work is done. Then in Thy mercy grant us safe lodging in holy rest and peace at last." The British cruiser Dauntless sailed this morning bearing the bodies of fifteen of the sixteen American airmen killed when the giant airship exploded over the city of Hull. Admiral Underhill attended the embarkation and the caskets containing the victims of the disaster were escorted by 200 sailors and a guard of honor composed of an officer and fifteen men. They were at half mast and the British battleship Impregnable fired twenty minute guns. One of the bodies, that of Commander Emory Coll, will be buried in mid-ocean, in accordance with wishes he had expressed long before his death. The parents of John T. Hancock, another American victim, but born in England, claimed his body, and it was buried in London to-day. Thus only

### Edwards Holds Brandon Met His Just Fate

Breaks Silence With Inter-  
view Declaring His Firm  
Belief in Guilt of Man  
Executed for Murder

Denies Hiring Detectives  
Asserts He Did Not Receive  
Pleas From Congressmen  
That He Grant Clemency

For the second time since George Brandon was convicted and executed for the murder of Arthur L. Kupfer and Edith Janny, at 2 o'clock on the morning of August 22, 1918, in an automobile on a deserted, moonlit roadway in Rahway, N. J., Governor Edward L. Edwards broke his self-imposed silence yesterday to answer the fire of insistent critics. Governor Edwards seemed to have been deeply stirred by the statements and accusations his failure to grant a reprieve for Brandon have brought forth. He insisted that his belief was firm in the executed man's guilt and that it could not be shaken by offers of last-minute evidence of innocence. He denied some of the assertions of I. Faerber Goldenhorn, who tried to save Brandon from the chair or to obtain at least a postponement of the execution.

Story of Private Detectives  
The occasion for seeking an interview with the Governor was a new story conveyed to those interested in procuring an investigation of the case. This was that private detectives had been employed by the Governor to look up one, if not more, of the affidavits placed by Brandon far from the Rahway road when the shots that killed Kupfer and his young friend were fired. It is insisted by Mr. Goldenhorn that Governor Edwards refused to listen to all but one of these affidavits, and it is for this reason that the lawyer declared his intention to keep the case alive until his new evidence has been examined. "No, I never hired private detectives," Governor Edwards said. "There was no need. There was evidence enough. I read the article this morning, and I am very sorry that a story like that was printed. There were statements in it that were absolutely untrue." Governor Edwards asked the reporter to wait until he had consulted the copy of the newspaper that lay on his desk. "It is said here that eight Representatives in Congress sent me telegrams asking me to stay Brandon's execution. I never received even one telegram from a Congressman, not to mention eight. Nor did I receive messages appealing for clemency from eight New Jersey editors, as Mr. Goldenhorn says. But it would not have made any difference if they did. A lot

of people slop over about a case like this, but an executive's duty is plain." Governor Edwards said that he had received a telegram from J. A. H. Hopkins, chairman of the Citizens' Union of New Jersey. As with the Goldenhorn affidavits, it did not alter his opinion of guilt, he said. The Hopkins telegram read: "As a resident of New Jersey, I urge you to reprieve George Brandon, under sentence to be executed to-morrow (August 23) until the additional evidence now in possession of his attorney may be thoroughly investigated and the way cleared to an impartial hearing. Humanity and legal ethics demand that Brandon should have the benefit of every doubt and for the honor of New Jersey we cannot afford to execute a possibly innocent man who claims now to have in his possession the necessary proofs of his innocence." Governor Edwards repeated what he had said in his first interview, that he had listened to Mr. Goldenhorn for more than an hour and had told him he would have to produce his witnesses in person. "This man McDermitt," the Governor added, "was not disbarred because he did not take care of his man at the trial. He was disbarred for failing to comply with the rules of the court as to prosecuting the writ of error."

Does Not Intend to Worry  
The Governor closed by saying that he did not intend to worry about the case and that he did not consider that his attitude in it needed newspaper publicity or support.

Yesterday there was a conference on the Brandon case at the office of the Committee of Forty-eight, 15 East Fortieth Street, at which Mr. Hopkins, who is chairman of the executive committee, presided and which was attended by Mr. Goldenhorn. When the conference, which lasted

### W. D. Rockefeller To Be Called in Gas Hearing

At the request of the Corporation  
Counsel, through Assistant Corporation  
Counsel Fertig, Chairman William  
A. Prendergast, of the Public Service  
Commission, yesterday agreed to issue  
subpoenas for William D. Rockefeller  
and Lewis B. Gawtry, the banker, to  
testify in the hearings before the com-  
mission of the application of the New  
York and Queens County Gas Company  
for permission to increase its rates.

The city is opposing the application of the company before the commission. Mr. Rockefeller and Mr. Gawtry will not be called until the city signifies its readiness to examine them as witnesses. Mr. Rockefeller is a director of the Consolidated Gas Company, and Mr. Gawtry is a former director. Mr. Fertig told Chairman Prendergast at the conference that experts from the Corporation Counsel's office were having trouble in gaining access to all of the books of the company. Representatives of the company explained that the city examiners wanted to cart away all of the books of the company, which would have disrupted the bookkeeping system. The company and the city representatives finally came to an understanding without the issuance of subpoenas. The hearing of the New York and Queens county application will be resumed before Chairman Prendergast next Monday.

and Kennedy in a police automobile led the chase. Maskill stood on the running board with drawn revolver calling on Terrell to stop.

### Broadway Chase For Stolen Auto Is Ended in a Crash

Motor 'Borrowed' While the  
Owner Is in Bank Hits  
Street Car and Women  
Faint; Taken to Jail

Morris Terrell, of 20 West Sixty-fifth Street, was captured by automobile squad detectives in a stolen car yesterday after a spectacular chase which ended when the pursued driver crashed into a cross-town car at Fifty-ninth Street and Ninth Avenue, breaking all the car windows. Nine women were hurled from their seats and two fainted. The automobile driven by Terrell rested on its hind wheels and remained in that position when Detectives Maskill and Kelly, of the West Forty-seventh Street station, dragged the man from his seat. He was dazed by the crash and offered no resistance. Elmer A. Kennedy, of 30 Beachurst Road, Rockaway, drove his automobile to the curb outside the Gotham National Bank in Columbus Circle soon after 4 o'clock. While he was in the bank Mr. Kennedy heard his engine start. He rushed out in time to see the car disappear toward Ninth Avenue and gave chase shouting for police assistance. One man sat at the wheel of the car and two were in the tonneau. Owners of automobiles in the vicinity swung into pursuit of the Kennedy car and within five minutes a tremendous crowd attracted by Kennedy's shouting had gathered. Detectives Maskill

### Liner Disabled Off Hatteras

NORFOLK, Va., Sept. 7.—Messages were received to-day from the Clyde Line steamer Apache, bound from Charleston for New York, saying that she was disabled with a broken crankshaft twenty-five miles north of Cape Hatteras. The coast guard cutter Manning was dispatched to her assistance and is expected to reach her at day-break to-morrow. She will be towed to Hampton Roads for repairs.

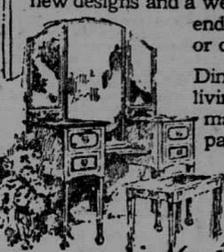
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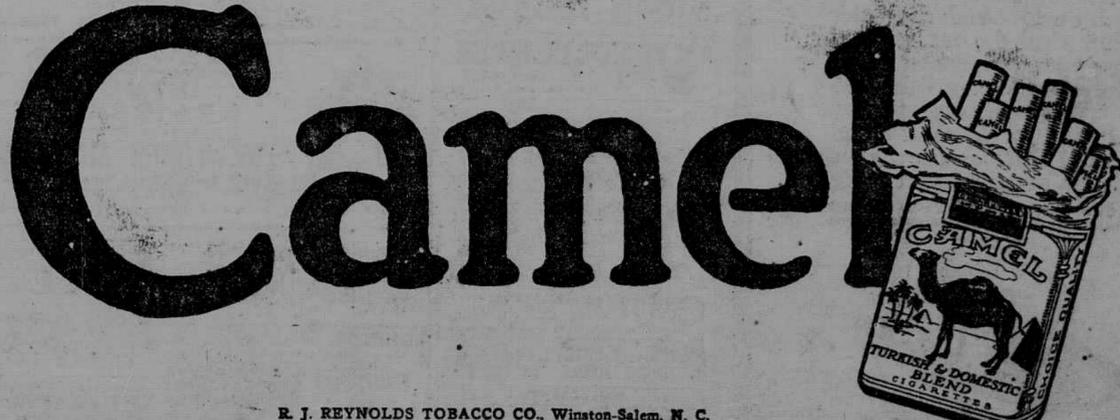
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